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"Strengthening, Transparency and Regulatory Science."

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I am Dr. Harvey Fernbach, a member of the national board of Physicians for Social Responsibility. Thank you for the opportunity to present my perspective on "Strengthening, Transparency and Regulatory Science." I agree with the strong opposition to this proposal expressed in the 06/01/2018 joint letter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology to former administrator Pruitt as well the 05/31/2018 testimony to the EPA's Science Advisory Board by Lynn Goldman, M.D., formerly of EPA and now Dean of the GW School of Public Health.

The proposal's title is disingenuous since its purpose is clearly aimed at impeding the EPA from getting more peer reviewed environmental studies in a world that is creating a huge number of new chemicals for industry household products and pharmaceuticals. Why would the EPA's political leadership not want to add to the studies? I know they are on the "drill baby drill" ilk, but why would they want to expose themselves and the public to possible adverse health effects of these

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new pollutants? Additionally, why is the EPA curtailing the activities of their staff scientists who are so experienced? The public is angered about these negative activities which is turning the Environmental Protection Agency into a misnomer. Perhaps this is why the former head of the EPA was so security conscious.

Many of us here are <sup>ALSO</sup> interested in transparency in this regulatory agency! For example, the agency knows all the studies of climate change/global warming that has led almost 100 percent of climate scientists to conclude human activity is a significant cause of this development. What is not clear is the derivation of this shameful madness to pollute, make seas rise, melt glaciers, cause animal extinction, raise CO2 level, bring on extreme weather, human migration from crop failures, existential threat to human life and as reported by the Pentagon, more wars.

How can the President and the EPA's leaders knowing the human suffering they are inflicting through their pretend denial keep on doing it? Perhaps the motivation to cause such irreversible sickness and destruction is a cruelty that goes beyond simply wanting to help the fossil fuel industry. Sooner or later, we will see the EPA's terrible behavior as a crime against humanity or at best, depraved indifference.

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I urge and plead with the EPA to come to its senses, apologize and get back to their true noble mission and make up for lost time. It is not yet too late!

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